THE BILBERRY BUSH.

NAMES.

A.

G. Αμπελος

L. Vaccinia.

I.

G. Heidelbeere.

F. Meure de Ronce.

S.

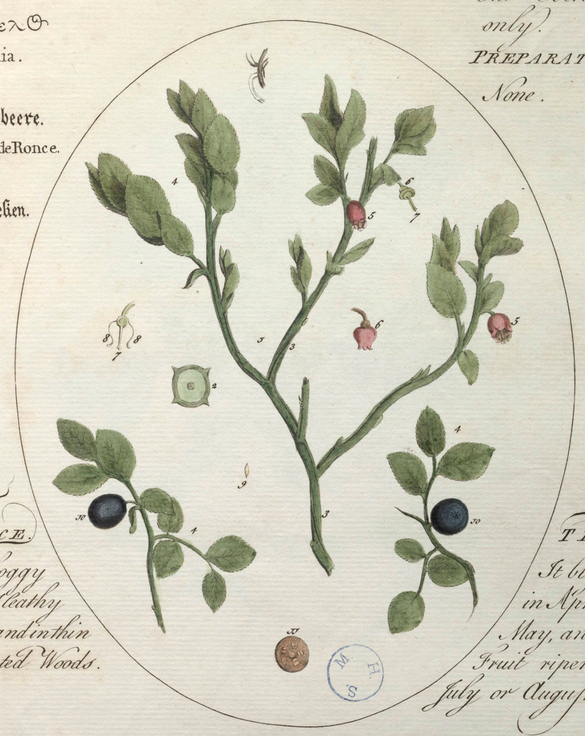
D. Veenbesien.

PARTS USED.

The Berries only.

PREPARATIONS

None.



PLACE.

In boggy and Heathy Soils, and in thin planted Woods.

TIME.

It blossoms in April and May, and the Fruit ripens in July or August.

DESCRIPTION.

This is a low small Bush 1, whose Wood is hard and whitish. The Pith is darker than the Wood, as in the Twig that is cut Transversly, whose Bark is a very light Green, smooth, angulated 2, and twisted 3: the Leaves 4 are a light Green, smooth and shining, finely serrated or notch'd round the Edges, having few Veins and those small. The Flowers 5 are a dull reddish Crimson, and grow on the Top of the Fruit 6. The Style 7 is whitish, with Summits 8, coverd with Farina 9, of a light Saffron-colour; the Berries 10 are black, coverd with a fine blue Flour like Damsons, which rubbs off. The Juice is a deep Purple. There are many Seeds in five Divisions 11, in the Berry, of a light reddish Brown Colour.

VIRTUES.

They are cooling and grateful to the Stomach, with something astringent; a Syrup made of the Juice is agreable.

T. Sheldrake delin. *C. H. Hosnerich scalp.*

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